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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Washington, D.C. 20231 Our Ref: 381NP/48110

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

**Shoji SUZUKI; Takanori YOKOYAMA; Wataru NAGAURA and Takaaki IMAI**  
entitled: **DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND INFORMATION PROCESSING  
SYSTEM**

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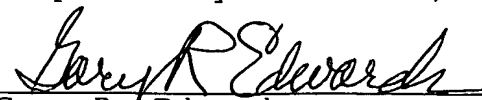
1. Specification, including 45 claims (pages 1 - 139).
2. 53 Sheet(s) of X Formal        Informal drawings  
showing Figs. 1-66.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted**).
4. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
5. Certified copies of Priority Document Nos. 10-224027 filed  
in Japan on August 7, 1998, 10-265950 filed in Japan  
on September 2, 1998, and 11-055556 filed in Japan on  
March 3, 1999, the priority of which is being claimed under  
35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. X Information Disclosure Statement.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$380/760 =	\$760.00
Total Claims	<u>45</u>	-	20	=	<u>25</u>	x \$ 9/18 = \$450.00
Independent Claims	<u>12</u>	-	3	=	<u>9</u>	x \$39/78 = \$702.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$130/260 =	\$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$1,912.00</u>

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